

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Library Trustees**
March 3, 2008



TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chair Bob Byrd, Georgina Dinh, Jan Lieberman, Sandra Rich, Jack Spillane

EXCUSED ABSENCE: None

STAFF PRESENT: Karen Saunders, City Librarian
Hillary Brookshire, Senior Library Assistant-Administration

**MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC:** Roger Ramirez, Lia Theologides, Marwan Mukhar

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting of the Board of Library Trustees to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. MINUTES OF February 4, 2008 MEETING

Chair Byrd asked the board for comments or corrections regarding the minutes for the February 4, 2008 meeting. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Lieberman made a motion to approve the February 4, 2008 minutes as written, with a second from Trustee Spillane. The February 4, 2008 minutes were approved as written by a unanimous vote.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

The City Librarian received three emails addressed to the Library Board urging the Board to support the construction of the Northside Branch Library in the Rivermark area. Copies of the three emails were included in Board Member's agenda packets. The City Librarian distributed a copy of her response to the emails. Discussion of this topic was deferred to later in the meeting when a formal presentation would be made by Rivermark residents regarding the Northside Branch Library.

IV. GIFTS

Maria Daane, Executive Director of the Foundation and Friends, stated that Kaiser-Permanente had presented the Foundation with a grant of \$12,500 for maintenance of the Library's Health and Wellness Collection.

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Library Foundation

Maria Daane stated that the Foundation and Friends chocolate party planned for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 has received 54 RSVP's. Friends of the Library members will be voting on the requests for funding for Library programs. The mailing campaign in December 2007 netted \$16,000 in donations. The Foundation and Friends newsletter will go out in late March and will include donation envelopes. The Friends bookstore has raised book prices, but the price increase has not affected the volume of book sales. The highest bookstore revenues to date were \$5,000 in January 2008.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Library Budget 2008-09

The City Librarian handed out copies of the Library's "Operating Budget Summary-Proposed" to Board Members and reviewed the contents.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Northside Branch Library

Three members of the public from the Rivermark area, Roger Ramirez, Lia Theologides, and Marwan Mukhar encouraged the Board of Library Trustees to support the construction of the Northside Branch Library. The City Librarian gave a brief history of the proposed Northside Branch Library, which was followed by Mr. Ramirez's presentation. He spoke of the growing need for a community meeting place and library resource in the Rivermark area and said they envision the Northside Branch Library as fulfilling that need. Mr. Ramirez reviewed the current available meeting spaces in the area and the restrictions that prevented the use of these facilities. Mr. Ramirez stated that the Rivermark community was eager to contribute to the new library through fundraising and volunteerism. Ms. Theologides stated there were two things she wanted to highlight in relation to the Northside Branch Library project: The diversity of the area, and the spirit of volunteerism that was ready to support the new library. The group plans to attend the March 18, 2008 City Council Agenda to present this topic. Trustee Spillane made the following motion, with a second from Trustee Dinh: "The Board of Library Trustees strongly supports the construction of the Northside Branch Library with a community meeting room as part of the library facility." The motion passed unanimously.

B. CALTAC Workshop

Trustee Lieberman had attended the CALTAC workshop with the City Librarian and gave an overview of the meeting. Ken Haycock, Director of San Jose State University Library School, gave a presentation on "Advocacy for Libraries". He said advocacy was "building on our successes", and developing a powerful new vision of what a library can be in the community.

Trustee Lieberman stated that Susan Hildreth presented information from the California State Library and the City Librarian handed out copies of “Highlights from the California State Library”.

VIII. CITY LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

A. Library Monthly Report – January 2008

The City Librarian reviewed the statistics in the January 2008 Monthly Report.

B. Activities

The City Librarian stated that a new series of parenting workshops would be held in March. Computer training programs include a “Quilting Resources” workshop, working with email, and Internet Basics. The March 2008 Youth Services activity calendar was distributed to the Board.

C. Personnel

Interviews for the 0.5 FTE Reference Librarian will take place in mid-March.

IX. MATTERS OF TRUSTEE INTEREST

None

X. CALENDAR

. Monday, April 7, 2008, Board of Library Trustees Meeting, Board Room, 7:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Byrd adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Rich
Secretary to the Library Board of Trustees

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